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The Pledge. I pledge my allegiance to My Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE CRUCIAL TEST.

As never before in its history democracy is undergoing the test of fire these days. As the list of claims for exemption are becoming known, the people are witnessing the revelation of those who thru motives of cowardice, greed or maudlin sentiment the endeavoring to escape the highest duty of citizenship. Not all of those who seek exemptions are actuated by one of these motives, of course, but that there are some is evident to even the uninformed.

As the authorities have indicated the essence of exemption for those pronounced physically fit is dependency. According to these authorities the measure of dependency is that by the withdrawal of the earnings of the man seeking exemption those dependent upon him would become public charges. Amplifying this the authorities indicate that if the parents of the wife, or of the husband are able to support her, and the children, if there be such, then no dependency exists, and the claim is a spurious one. That is the legal phase of the question and it should cover most of the cases.

There are, however, moral and ethical grounds, higher than legal status which should prompt the loyal young man of draft age to strictly comply with the law rather than to escape service in this great war for free government. He has enjoyed in this land privileges and opportunities given in greater degree than anywhere under the sun. These privileges while every American believes them inherent were won only at the cost of thousands of lives at untold sacrifices by the heroes of '76. They were preserved and their scope broadened by still greater vicarious suffering from '61 to '65.

The heritage won and preserved by the generations of the past were not enjoyed by them as they have been by this. Then if the men of fighting age of today are unwilling to struggle as their forefathers did democracy is a failure and Americans today are not worthy of the blessings they have enjoyed.

What boy is there who has not, in his study of the revolution loathed the Tory as a disloyal citizen? Was not the lesson plain that the Tory was a traitor to the cause of freedom and therefore the just target for the scorn of his fellow men? Who has not been stirred by feelings of repugnance at the Copperheads of the Rebellion? Even the healing balm of time has not removed entirely the odium that attached to such citizens.

The memory of a race is a long one. People do not forget disloyalty. As the feeling akin to hate and loathing followed the Tory and the Copperhead, so too will it follow the slacker of this day who by falsely claiming exemption makes another man serve where he should serve in this war "to make the world safe for democracy." Such a heritage no manly man wants to leave to his children and no womanly woman wants to be the bearer of a race of cowards. The law of heredity leaves its mark, even unto the third and fourth generations. If he can brazen himself to stand the scornful glances of his contemporaries—the slacker should think twice before damning his children for generations unborn.

THE GOULD CASE.

A scion of the Gould family's recent marriage to an Italian artist attracted the attention of the public and furnished a morsel of news and comment by "claiming exemption" from the selective draft because of "dependents," the sole dependency being a wife who by her work had hitherto supported herself.

However the young man changed his mind after the press gave publicity to his course. He could not sustain the position taken. His wife was not dependent upon him by any strength of imagination, tho of

course he might have liked to flatter himself to believe that the case in times of peace. But these are not times of peace.

The whole nation is now watching those who are trying to escape service. While public may have a feeling of leniency for those financially poor who try to escape service by shooting off a trigger finger or taking dope, it has only disgust with those sons of the wealthy who would evade the law by hiding behind a woman's skirt.

If those who have thru their money enjoyed more of the advantages of life, had most of its pleasures and its comforts seek to escape the universal service, can you blame the Socialist or even the I. W. W.? Dangerous as is the Red Socialist and the I. W. W. they are not the menace that is the rich young slacker. He by his actions furnishes the grounds on which the I. W. W. justifies his fight against organized government. If by any means the son of the rich gains an unjust exemption those who aid him are sowing to the wind and will harvest the whirlwind.

There should be no class consciousness in this democracy and it will be a sorry day for freedom when such a condition is brought about. If by the use of their wealth the rich escape service, the poor are bound time to raise to destroy the means which made injustice possible.

The rich can do nothing to increase the number of Red Socialists and I. W. W. in America today than by endeavoring to escape the duty they owe not only to themselves, to their state and their nation but to the world.

Except in the Gould case the nation at large has not had its attention called to cases of this kind. The publicity which has been given the lists has had its effects. And to, let it be said in justice to the sons of many of the richest families in America, they volunteered for service at the first call to the arms.

Not only that but many of them with the chivalry of their forebears entered the armies of France, England and Belgium to avenge the atrocities committed by the Prussian hords. The deeds of Lieutenant Thaw of Pittsburg will go far to clear that name from the odium cast of Harry. All the sons of Roosevelt rushed to the colors and two are in France. These are but two examples. They could be multiplied by the thousands. As in England, so here in the United States and Canada the men of the leading families have justified their positions in life by being willing to sacrifice everything for the cause of humanity. We believe that men like young Gould will be conspicuous by their scarcity. And it is to be hoped that the publicity given their cases will cause them, like him, to withdraw their claims and be enrolled among those men of honor now in France or training for service there in the near future.

GETTING STARTED.

It is comforting to note that the city officials are getting started on the proposition of enforcing sewer connections. The start the week, while not covering all the field, has the element of a proper beginning and it is hoped that the good work will continue.

The school year is about to begin and it is important that all safety measures for the protection of health be taken at once. Every year there comes from the interior a number of families who wish to take advantage of Ontario educational facilities for the benefit of their children. Their presence is most desirable it is to the distinct advantage of the city that the number be increased. The resulting trade enhances the business of every store in the city. The coming of these families also makes resident property more valuable, creating a rental demand out of the ordinary.

The improvement of health conditions therefore will bring a twofold result. More are bound to come here and property values and business will be established. From a purely mercenary motive, therefore nothing should be left undone to bring this result about.

There is no need for that specie of the genus homo, the hobo, these days. There is no need for men to be hunting jobs, when jobs are hunting men. The chances are ten to one that the "tourist" who is out of work and asks for a "hand-out" is an I. W. W. and is therefore a menace to society. If one of this gentry comes to your back door, don't feed him. Report him to the police and they will see that he is given work or sent on his way.

The Argus Trade-at-Home

Patronize Ontario Stores Department. Patronize Ontario Stores

The man who is willing to advertise his goods, has good goods to sell or he would not tell you about them. It will pay you to investigate the goods sold by these firms who use these columns. They will serve you with good goods, at the right prices.

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In a Good Country
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
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Machines, Trunks

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THE ART STUDIO
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Our Service Will Please You

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Kream Krust Bread

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RIDICULE, VOICE OF FAILURE

Never Stops the Onward March
of Progress.

FROWN DOWN THE DISTURBER

Ridicule, Paralyzing as Well as Amusing,
Often Gratifies a Little Mind or
an Unhonest Temper—The Safe
Plan is Always to Do the Task That
Lies Nearest Us.

Do merchants always appreciate
their advantage? Would a friend of
the merchant or dealer have sent his
first order to a stranger who showed
pictures instead of goods, who talked
on paper instead of face to face, who
demanded pay in advance instead of
allowing a more unlimited credit had
the merchant improved his advantages?

Ought to Emulate Rivals.

It would seem that after one experience
of long delays, quite common
and to a great extent unavoidable in
trading with mail order houses, after
one experience of putting things together
for himself, after one experience
of waiting for a missing part, the
friend would not have taken the
trouble to order by mail from a stranger
who had the local merchant or dealer
always improved his opportunities.

Everything that happens to us leaves
some trace behind it; everything contributes
imperceptibly to form us. Yet
often it is dangerous to take a strict
account of that, for either we grow
proud and negligent or downcast and
dispirited, and both are equally
injurious in their consequences. Always
the safe plan is to do the task which
lies nearest us and which will argue
for our best interests and those of
others.

If success can be attained by the retail
mail order houses, working under
disadvantages, why cannot the local
merchant, who has none of these disadvantages,
succeed? He can by imitating
their methods and practices, by
allowing undisturbed inspection of
goods and by polite and courteous
treatment of all visitors to his store,
thus creating new customers and
continually to supply old ones.

In a certain Indiana town a young
man ordered a heating stove, price
\$8.95. When the stove came he was
very much disappointed. The stove
was small, while the picture in the
catalogue made it appear large and
ornamental. Had this young man visited
his local dealer and inspected the
\$8.95 stove he would not have bought
it, but would have selected one for
\$12 or \$14 and would have got the
right kind and one that would have
satisfied his needs.

A Minnesota farmer ordered five
rolls of barbed wire. After it came
and he had paid the freight he discovered
that he could have bought the
same identical wire from his local
dealer and could have saved \$1, also
much time and trouble.

Mail Order Fence in Woodshed.
Another man living in a village ordered
some wire fencing from a picture
in a catalogue, and when it came
it was so cheap looking that his pride
would not allow him to disgrace his
grounds with such a fence, so he stored
it in his woodshed and bought what
he wanted from his local dealer.

A lady in a little town in Missouri
sent to one of the large mail order
houses for a pair of shoes, inclosing
\$1.97 with her order. After two weeks
the shoes came by freight; charges
were 25 cents, which she paid. After
taking the shoes home she found they
did not fit, so she repacked them and
sent them back by express, and after
another two weeks' wait another pair
of shoes came by freight with more
charges attached. To the lady's dismay,
these shoes were no nearer a fit
than the first pair. She then gave up
in despair and visited her local dealer,
crediting her investment of \$2.50 to
experience.

We should like to suggest to the consumer
that he be honest with himself;
buy at home; help support his own
town; make his own home more
valuable. Let Mr. Mail Order Man sell
his good things in his own town. Instead
of his footing you, you fool him
by trading at home.

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Accessories
THE FORD GARAGE
Ernie Haynes, Manager
*Agents for Ford Motor Co.

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Amateur Finishing Print
THE BURRELL STUDIO
Enlarging

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Sacks, Poultry Supply
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